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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 5714th meeting of the Security Council, held on 9 July 2007, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council unequivocally condemns the terrorist attack that took place in Marib, Republic of Yemen, on 2 July 2007, and expresses its deepest sympathy and condolences to the victims of these attacks and their families, and to the peoples and Governments of the Republic of Yemen and the Kingdom of Spain.

"The Security Council underlines the need to bring the perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of this horrendous act to justice and urges all States, in accordance with their obligations under international law and resolution 1373 (2001), 1566 (2004) and 1624 (2005), to cooperate with and provide support and assistance, as appropriate, to the Government of Yemen in this regard.

"The Security Council reaffirms that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that any acts of terrorism are criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, wherever, whenever and by whomsoever committed.

"The Security Council further reaffirms the need to combat by all means, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts. The Council reminds States that they must ensure that any measures taken to combat terrorism comply with all their obligations under international law, in particular international human rights, refugee and humanitarian law.

"The Security Council reiterates its determination to combat all forms of terrorism, in accordance with its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations."

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